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DECLARATION BY INVENTOR

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

I, Michael Shane Cavanagh, declare that I am a citizen of Australia; that I verily believe myself to be the original and first inventors of the invention described and claimed in U.S. Letters Patent No. 6,065,596 (hereinafter '596 PATENT) and in the foregoing specification and for which invention I solicit a reissue patent; that I do not know and do not believe that said invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my invention thereof; and that I verily believe the '596 PATENT to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid by reason of my claiming more or less than I had a right to claim in the '596 PATENT.

I request that I be permitted to amend the '596 PATENT and be granted a reissue patent; that errors rendering the '596 PATENT wholly or partly inoperative or invalid caused the claims of such patent to be of broader scope than necessary to distinguish over the prior art; and that such errors arose without any deceptive intent.

Specifically, I claimed more than I had a right to claim in the '596 PATENT because, through error without deceptive intent, U.S. Patent Nos. 5,339,955; 5,097,963; 5,363,862; 4,967,914; and 4,974,728, which were cited in a European Search Report in my counterpart European patent application, were not sent to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office for consideration by the examiner during the prosecution of the '596 patent.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification as amended herein, including claims 1-12 (claims 1 and 12 of which are amended).

I state that all errors which are being corrected in the present reissue application up to the time of filing this declaration arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant.

I hereby claim priority to Australian (AU) Serial No. PN 9597 filed April 30, 1996 and declare that the application which culminated in the issuance of the '596 PATENT was a U.S. national application (a 371) of international application Serial No. PCT/AU97/00259 filed April 29, 1997, which claimed priority to Australian (AU) Serial No. PN 9597 filed April 30, 1996.

I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56; and I further declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both under 18 U.S.C. § 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application for reissue or any patent issuing thereon.

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